



Friendship & Scripture

Then Saul's son, Jonathan, came down to David at Horesh and encouraged him in the Lord.
1 Samuel 23:16

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Love Is The Most Important Thing

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him.

1 John 4:7–9

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True Friendship

Pleasant speech multiplies friends, and gracious lips, friendly greetings. Let those who are friendly to you be many, but one in a thousand your confidant. When you gain friends, gain them through testing, and do not be quick to trust them. For there are friends when it suits them, but they will not be around in time of trouble. Another is a friend who turns into an enemy, and tells of the quarrel to your disgrace. Others are friends, table companions, but they cannot be found in time of affliction. When things go well, they are your other self, and lord it over your servants. If disaster comes upon you, they turn against you and hide themselves. Stay away from your enemies, and be on guard with your friends. Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter; whoever finds one finds a treasure. Faithful friends are beyond price, no amount can balance their worth. Faithful friends are life-saving medicine; those who fear God will find them. Those who fear the Lord enjoy stable friendship, for as they are, so will their neighbors be.

Sirach 6:5-17

Connections

One night in a vision the Lord said to Paul, “Do not be afraid. Go on speaking, and do not be silent, for I am with you. No one will attack and harm you, for I have many people in this city.” He settled there for a year and a half and taught the word of God among them.

Acts 18:9–11

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Unexpected Friends

Sandi Patti

When the dark closes in so hard
I can hardly see
And the walls of my fortress of faith
Crumble in on me
When it seems like the end
Not a measure of strength to spend
I feel the arms of a stranger rescue me

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Chorus:

With some unexpected friends
Never asking where I've been
Just a hand of mercy and words of love
Call me back again
Oh, it feels like home
With unexpected friends

A soothing balm for the wounds I suffer
along the way
A fervent prayer giving courage and hope
for another day
Through the help of my friends
Ones I may never see again
Seem like angels that were sent by heaven
for me